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1. The Institute of Design of the Ministry of Light Industry plans new factories and the enlargement of existing ones for industries under this Ministry. It is planned to place the Institute under the control of the Ministry of Construction in the near future. The Institute is located at 12 Calea Matei Milo, Bucharest, but it is to move to Calea Berzei in March 1952.
2. Employing 400 officials, the Institute has separate sections for factories which process leather and rubber, wool and silk, flax and hemp, cotton, glassware and ceramics, and knitwear. A technical section provides a library and blueprint department. In addition there are separate sections for studying terrain and for supervising actual construction.
3. The following projects are known to have been handled by the Institute:
 - a. Rubber factory at Jilava. This new factory is to cover an area of 20,000 sq. meters near an existing small rubber factory which it is to replace. Work has already begun on the new building, which is to employ 4,000 to 5,000 men when finished. Raw materials are to be supplied by the USSR, which will receive the whole production. Cost of the buildings is estimated at 1,000 million lei, and that of installations for water, electricity, etc., etc. (not including machinery) at 400 million lei.
 - b. Factory for cotton products at Botosani. This factory began work before the building was entirely finished. It was built by Sovromconstructia No. 4. On 1 May 1951 the chief engineer of this unit, Haber, was arrested on a charge of bad work that had allegedly caused the Russian machinery installed to become rusty very quickly. It was said that skylights made of "Stabilit" (a plate glass) were not sufficiently well insulated, whereas actually the poor quality of the machinery was to blame. The cost of the building, which was one large hall, including the installation of water and electricity was 240 million lei.

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- c. Retting pits for retting of hemp and flax. Thirty-four retting pits were planned in the Dornesti, 14 in the Carta District, and a large number along the Danube (Alexandria, et cetera). The cost was estimated at 150 million lei.
- d. Glass factory in Bucharest. This factory was planned for Pantelimon, on the outskirts of Bucharest, near the former Malaxa factory.
- e. Factory for tanning material at Arges. This building has an area of 12,000 square meters.
- f. Shoe factory at Itcani. The factory was built on the site of a sugar factory bombed during the war. The cost is estimated at 400 million lei. While the work was in progress buildings not included in the estimate were added.
- g. Enlargement of the Janos Herbag shoe factory at Cluj.
- h. Portelanul Factory at Cluj. The following buildings were added to this china factory: One boiler house, one hall for furnaces, one hall for clay kneading installations. The cost of the buildings is estimated at 100 million lei.

4. The following personalities are known:

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- a. Cristinel, chief of the welfare section. [redacted]
- b. Martin Fary, general manager. [redacted]
- c. Stefan Georgescu, assistant engineer. [redacted]
- d. Jotu (fnu). chief of the leather and rubber section. [redacted]
- e. Elemer Korper (Koerper). chief engineer. [redacted]

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